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## NATIONAL BROILER MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



Trade sentiment was steady to fully steady in the Northeast, generally steady elsewhere. Retail demand was fair to moderate, best for features, and food service was fair to fairly with fast food promotions strengthening movement. Supplies were mostly sufficient, but at times limited for lighter weights in the East. In the parts structure, breast items were tight and clearing with premiums being paid when available. Wings and dark meat items were adequate to fully sufficient, closer balanced for leg quarters. In production areas, live supplies were moderate. Weights were desirable to heavy, mostly desirable.

**GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES** The Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for next week's trading remains unchanged at 60.00 cents based on full truck load lots of ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds. This compares to 60.75 cents last year on the 18th of August, 1999.

Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted prices on ice-packed parts for next week's trading.

ITEM	DOCK PRICE (CENTS PER POUND)
BREASTS - B/S	150.50
BREASTS - WHOLE	75.00
THIGH MEAT - B/S	80.00
LEG QUARTERS	23.50
WINGS	59.00

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## CHICK PLACEMENT AND EGG SET TOTAL

15 STATES	WEEK ENDING 06/03/00	2000	1999	PERCENT CHANGE PREVIOUS YEAR
EGGS SET	186,536	183,766		+102%
CHICKS PLACED	149,987	147,860		+101%

## Broiler Eggs Set In 15 Selected States Up Slightly

Commercial hatcheries in the 15-State weekly program set in incubators 179 million eggs during the week ending August 12, 2000. This was up slightly from the eggs set the corresponding week a year earlier. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week was 81 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

## Broiler Chicks Placed Down 2 Percent

Broiler growers in the 15-State weekly program placed 143 million chicks for meat production during the week ending August 12, 2000. Placements were down 2 percent from the comparable week in 1999. Cumulative placements from January 2, 2000, through August 12, 2000, were 4.68 billion, up 1 percent from the same period a year earlier.

BASED ON THE PRELIMINARY CHICK PLACEMENTS, THE NUMBER OF FRYERS AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING DURING THE WEEK ENDING 23-Sep-00 IS ESTIMATED AT 147.4 MILLION HEAD. THIS COMPARES TO 145.8 MILLION HEAD THE PREVIOUS WEEK AND TO 151.7 MILLION HEAD THE SAME WEEK A YEAR AGO, WHEN THE SLAUGHTER WAS 154.2 MILLION HEAD AND THE 12-CITY WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE WAS 55.77 CENTS PER POUND.

**WESTERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS** The market tone was generally steady. Offerings adequate to cover the fair buyer interest. Demand by stores light to moderate best to cover features, restaurants moderate best by fast foods. Floor stocks in fair balance. The market tone was firm on bone-in breasts, wings and thighs and about steady on leg quarters.

**SOUTHERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS** Trade sentiment was mostly steady. Demand was light to moderate, best for scattered retail ads and fast food promotions. Supplies were usually sufficient for current needs. In the parts structure, breast items continued to show the strongest movement with supplies tight to close balanced and often sought. Leg quarters were receiving a good call due to export business, and thigh meat was close balanced with good interest. In production areas, live supplies were moderate. Weights were mostly desirable.

**MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYERS** Whole fryer trade sentiment was steady. Offerings of whole fryers and WOGs adequate or available with heavy sizes more limited. Retail demand light to fair at best. Food service movement was fair to fairly good. Floor stocks adequate to occasionally fully adequate, sizes desirable. Parts trading moderately active on breast items and leg quarters as buyers begin securing needs for the upcoming Labor Day weekend, balance of items clearing slow to fair. Supplies were in close balance on bone- in breasts and leg quarters, adequate on all other items. Trade sentiment steady to instances firm on whole breasts and leg quarters and steady on the remainder of parts.

**NORTHEAST REGION BROILER/FRYERS** Trucklot buying interest on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers was moderate to fairly good at times. Offerings were irregular, but were usually adequate to available. Movement into retail and distributive channels was about moderate. The market tone was steady to fully steady. In the parts market, bone-in breasts were generally tight and continued to command premiums. Boneless skinless breasts were mostly adequate, dark meat items were adequate to fully adequate, and the balance of items were at least sufficient.

**DELMARVA BROILER/FRYER MARKET** Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds was generally noted as seasonally moderate to good. Seller offerings varied from fully adequate to short. Live supplies were mostly moderate; weights were mostly desirable to heavy. Processing schedules were moderately heavy. Less than trucklot asking prices were unchanged at 46 to 63 cents. Trade sentiment was mostly fully steady. In the parts complex, bone-in breasts were generally noted as tight. Boneless skinless breasts were available at some plants. Leg items ranged from in good balance to fully adequate. Wings were irregularly balanced, but were at least adequate.

*BROILER/FRYER CURRENT NEGOTIATED PRICES FOR IMMEDIATE DELIVERY INCLUDES MOSTLY MULTIPLE-DROP SHIPMENTS OF BRANDED AND WING TAGGED TO NEW YORK CITY FROM DELMARVA.	
<b>BRANDED U.S. GRADE A</b>	
RANGE	43-65
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	49.48
NO. OF BOXES	9,931

\*7 of 8 plants reporting.

AUGUST 15, 2000

## SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS

AUGUST 16, 2000

ITEM	POUNDS (000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	635	145.00-195.00	145-150	149.36
TENDERLOINS	180	195.00-235.00	-	200.52
BREAST - LINE RUN	114	66.00-69.00	67-69	66.21
FRONT HALVES	160	57.00-64.00	59-61	60.38
LEGS	86	27.00-40.00	28-29	27.91
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	596	18.00-21.00	18-19	18.75
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,306	22.00-24.00	22-23	22.39
WINGS (WHOLE)	118	55.00-59.00	56-58	56.36
WINGS (CUT)	564	64.00-86.00	65-67	66.83
DRUMSTICKS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
THIGHS	11	25.00-40.00	-	35.00
B/S THIGHS	69	67.00-75.00	-	70.59

WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS  
TRADING FOR AUGUST 15, 2000 — F.O.B. DOCK.

TODAY'S RANGE	AVERAGE
37.50 - 42.50	39.57

ITEM	POUNDS (000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	676	145.00-195.00	150-155	150.81
TENDERLOINS	250	195.00-235.00	195-200	200.57
BREAST - LINE RUN	140	67.00-74.00	70-72	73.03
FRONT HALVES	110	57.00-65.00	62-64	61.82
LEGS	87	28.00-40.00	29-30	28.97
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	486	18.00-22.00	18.5-19.5	18.75
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,344	21.00-24.00	22-23	22.34
WINGS (WHOLE)	103	55.00-59.00	55-57	56.71
WINGS (CUT)	478	62.00-86.00	65-67	65.77
DRUMSTICKS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
B/S THIGHS	74	67.00-76.00	-	70.81

WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS  
TRADING FOR AUGUST 16, 2000 — F.O.B. DOCK.

TODAY'S RANGE	AVERAGE	5-DAY AVERAGE
37.50 - 43.50	40.29	39.53

The Index is intended solely as an indicator of values for commodity-type product and does not represent industry's willingness to sell or ability to buy.

## NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS

Trucklot buying interest was generally fair with and usually rated as typical of midweek activity. Supplies of bone-in breasts were limited and continued to trade at premium levels. Offerings of boneless-skinless breasts were adequate, and the remainder of items were generally available. Movement through retail and distributive channels was fair to moderate at best. The market tone was fully steady on bone-in breasts, about steady on the balance.

\*PRICES PAID PER POUND, ICE PACKED AND CO2 PACKED BROILER/FRYER PARTS, DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS IN POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES

AUGUST 15, 2000			
ITEM	CURRENT NEG TRADING*	WTD AVG**	VOL/LBS
BREAST - B/S	145-150	151.30	529,160
TENDERLOINS	180	194.65	172,630
BREAST - WITH RIBS	66-67	72.08	240,160
BREAST - LINE RUN	66	69.57	137,800
LEGS	33-34	33.89	297,640
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	20-21	23.45	764,311
DRUMSTICKS	31-32	31.69	196,380
THIGHS	22-23	28.49	197,650
B/S THIGHS	70-71	76.77	62,190
WINGS (WHOLE)	53-54	62.44	384,170
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	11.33	142,440
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	30-35	34.23	62,290
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	40-45	44.81	104,060

AUGUST 16, 2000			
ITEM	CURRENT NEG TRADING*	WTD AVG**	VOL/LBS
BREAST - B/S	145-150	151.49	563,360
TENDERLOINS	180	194.85	121,040
BREAST - WITH RIBS	67-68	74.07	277,680
BREAST - LINE RUN	67	72.43	158,000
LEGS	33-34	34.49	228,720
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	20-21	22.06	555,078
DRUMSTICKS	31-32	33.56	146,960
THIGHS	23-24	31.94	130,520
B/S THIGHS	72-73	78.06	67,480
WINGS (WHOLE)	53-54	63.82	351,320
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	11.97	95,915
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	30-35	34.46	66,240
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	40-45	44.80	115,320

INCLUDES: NY CITY METRO. AREA, RI, NORTHERN NJ, MA, CT, PA (NORTHEAST OF HARRISBURG).

\* TODAY'S NEGOTIATED SALES AS OF 11:30 A.M.

\*\* WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE OF ALL GRADES AND BRANDS OF PRODUCT SHIPPED, OR TO BE SHIPPED AS OF 1:30 P.M.

## ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF BROILER-FRYERS (IN THOUSANDS)

	AUGUST 15, 2000				AUGUST 16, 2000			
	ESTIMATED	ACTUAL	AVG WTS	ACTUAL WTS	ESTIMATED	ACTUAL	AVG WTS	ACTUAL WTS
ALA	3,900	3,926	3,853	4,036	5.01	4.79	3,899	4.92
ARK	5,310	5,327	5,025	5,978	4.80	4.67	5,217	4.88
DELMARVA	2,416	2,374	2,381	2,668	5.10	4.84	2,404	5.03
KY-LA-TN	2,077	2,049	2,083	2,220	4.34	4.19	2,100	4.43
MISS	2,835	2,819	2,810	2,809	5.10	4.91	2,750	5.03
NC	2,668	2,656	2,510	2,668	5.79	6.01	2,585	5.72
TEXAS	2,297	2,304	2,284	2,511	4.71	4.58	2,296	4.69
TOTAL	21,503	21,455	20,946	22,890	4.98	4.79	21,251	4.96
MON-WED64,403 (A)							63,615 (A)	

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 16-Aug 00 is estimated to be 32,171,000 up 3.20 percent from a week ago and up 6.5 percent from a year ago.

(Last week 31,173,000; last year 30,207,000)

## SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED POULTRY

DELIVERED TO RETAILERS	RANGE
FRESH FRYERS	80-83
ROASTERS 4# & UP	65-90
HENS UNDER 5#	
HENS OVER 5#	68
DUCKS	125
RABBITS-WHOLE	284
RABBITS-CUT UP	289

## SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED POULTRY

DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS	RANGE
FRESH FRYERS	ICE PACK 92-96
	DRY PACK 102-104
ROASTERS 4# & UP	ICE PACK 106-111
	DRY PACK 112-119
HENS OVER 5#	ICE PACK 94
	DRY PACK 98
DUCKS	148-160

**ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER**

UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION FOR WEEK ENDING AUG 19-00

	<b>CURRENT WEEK</b>	<b>PREVIOUS WEEK</b>
	08/19/00 (1)	08/12/00
CLASS	THOUSAND HEAD	
BRO-FRY	163,101 (2)	161,367
LT HENS	1,706	1,772
HVY HENS	1,591	1,738
CHECK TOTAL	166,398	164,877

(1)ESTIMATED

(2)The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 19-Aug-00 is 157.2 million head compared to 155.9 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 163.4 million head or 6.2 million more than estimated available. For week of 26-Aug-00 the estimated available is 154.2 million head.

**WEEKLY COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS**

SELECTED STORAGE CENTERS

(INCLUDES GOVERNMENT STOCKS) (IN THOUSANDS)

	<b>PROCESSED TURKEY</b>	<b>PROCESSED POULTRY</b>
	<b>LBS</b>	<b>LBS</b>
AM 14-Aug-00	173,128	85,521
AM 1-Aug-00	163,317	91,580
CHG	9,811	-6,059
PCT CHG	6	-7

**COLD STORAGE MOVEMENT** (IN THOUSANDS)

	<b>PROCESSED TURKEYS</b>			<b>PROCESSED POULTRY</b>		
	08/14/00	08/7/00	08/17/99	08/14/00	08/7/00	08/17/99
<b>PACIFIC</b>						
<b>COAST</b>	22,932	24,711	38,920	14,048	9,699	17,009
<b>LOS</b>						
<b>ANGELES</b>	215	270	304	4,625	1,259	7,490

**HACKETTSTOWN POULTRY SALES**

FOR 08/15/00

	<b>LOW</b>	<b>HIGH</b>	<b>AVG</b>		<b>LOW</b>	<b>HIGH</b>	<b>AVG</b>
HEAVY FOWL lb.	.20	1.15	.60	HEAVY FOWL ea.	-	3.75	-
LIGHT FOWL lb.	-	.10	-	LIGHT FOWL ea.	-	-	-
MIXED FOWL lb.	-	.05	-	MIXED FOWL ea.	-	-	-
BANTAMS lb.	-	.45	-	BANTAMS ea.	.05	.50	-
BROILERS lb.	-	.35	-	BROILERS ea.	-	-	-
ROASTERS lb.	-	-	-	ROASTERS ea.	-	-	-
FRYERS lb.	-	.20	-	FRYERS ea.	-	-	-
CHICKS lb.	-	-	-	CHICKS ea.	.25	.60	-
PULLETS lb.	-	.75	-	PULLETS ea.	7.50	8.00	-
BUNNIES lb.	-	-	-	BUNNIES ea.	.40	1.75	-
ROOSTERS lb.	.20	1.40	.96	ROOSTERS ea.	.25	3.00	-
GEESE lb.	-	.35	-	GEESE ea.	-	3.00	-
TURKEYS lb.	-	.10	-	TURKEYS ea.	.25	3.50	-
DUCKS lb.	.20	1.30	.81	DUCKS ea.	2.75	5.50	-
RABBITS lb.	.15	.90	.57	RABBITS ea.	1.75	2.50	-
PIGEONS lb.	-	-	-	PIGEONS ea.	.75	4.50	-
GUINEA FOWL lb.	-	-	-	GUINEA FOWL ea.	3.00	5.50	-
DUCKLINGS lb.	-	-	-	DUCKLINGS ea.	.40	.50	-
GUINEA KEETS ea.	.75	.90	-	CALL DUCKS ea.	-	5.25	-
SILKIES ea.	-	3.75	-	GOSLINGS ea.	-	-	-
GUINEA PIGS ea.	-	1.00	-				

TOTAL COOPS 135

**CENTRAL MISCELLANEOUS POULTRY RTC HENS**

READY-TO-COOK PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR DELIVERY TO FIRST RECEIVERS, U.S. GRADE A AND PLANT GRADE, 5 LBS. AND UP, FOR WEEK OF August 14, 2000

	<b>RANGE</b>
<b>HENS</b> ICE PACKED (12 PER BOX)	52-56
VACUUM PACKED (6-9 PER BOX)	59-61

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